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STATE LIBRARY COMMISSION The State Library Commission held its regular meeting in Helena on September 8 at the State Library with all members present. The Commission heard reports from staff on increased use of library materials: circulation of books in July, normally one of the slack months of the year, was the highest since April 1971, with a total of 5,194 items loaned (the corresponding figure for July 1971 was 2,422). Circulation of materials to the handicapped rose correspondingly, from 3,278 in July 1971 to 5,136 in July 1972. John Mason, Prison Librarian, reported that expanded facilities are being provided by the Prison for the library at Rothe Hall. Elizabeth Rupert, Boulder River School and Hospital Librarian, told the Commission of increased use of library services and resources at Boulder, despite the fact the permanent quarters for the library have not yet been completed.

The Commission was informed that the Miles City Bookmobile Garage project has been completed, and final payment from LSCA Title II funds is in process. The Columbia Falls Branch Library remodeling project is well under way. Payment of Title II funds to the City-County Library of Missoula has been made, so that acquisition of a site could be accomplished, and the architect's work on plans for the building is progressing.

The State Library is pleased to announce the appointment of Ruth M. Auchenbach as Public Library Coordinator, effective on October 1. Miss Auchenbach will be working with libraries, library boards, and governmenting bodies throughout the state in development and promotion of library service for all residents of Montana. She will bring to the State Library staff background in public library administration and related fields; she is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, and has completed a post-master's program at the GraduateSchool of Librarianship, University of Denver.

The Commission's next regular meeting will be on Friday, December 8.

LONG RANGE PLAN FOR LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT The State Library's long-range plan for library development, submitted to the U.S. Office of Education in compliance with requirements of the Library Services and Construction Act, has been duplicated for distribution, and copies are being mailed with this Newsletter to all public libraries in Montana. Other agencies and individuals may request copies, at no charge, from the State Library.

ACQUISITIONS LIST With this Newsletter, the eleventh in a series, Recent Acquisitions of the Montana State Library, is being distributed to public, secondary school, and academic libraries in Montana. All titles on the list are available on loan from the State Library.

FILM CATALOG A copy of the film catalog of the Montana State Department of Health and Environmental Sciences was mailed with the April 11 issue of this Newsletter to all academic, special, and public libraries in Montana. Supplement #1 to the 1971 Catalogue Revision is included with this Newsletter.

SOUTH CENTRAL FEDERATION OF LIBRARIES After nearly seven months of negotiating the South Central Federation of Libraries, which appeared to have fallen apart the end of June, got it all together again when the final contract was signed on August 10th. The Board of Trustees of the Billings Public Library had hoped to establish the idea of one equal levy from all contracting units but, as the deadline for levies approached, agreed to accept contracts for another year with varying levies. The towns of Red Lodge and Bridger contracted at 3 mills, Big Horn at 2 1/2 mills (but with the possibility of supplemental funds from Johnson O'Malley to bring it over 3 mills) and Yellowstone County at a dollar amount that comes to just under 2 1/4 mills.

Carbon County Commissioners, having at first agreed to decide the issue in their county through the petition-hearing route, then decided to call for an election. Their decision came too late for fiscal 1972-1973, so rural Carbon will be without service until after the election in November.

PEOPLE Norman L. Spears assumed duties of Assistant Professor and Librarian/Director of Instructional Media at Eastern Montana College August 1, succeeding Mrs. Jean Davis, who retired June 30. Spears had most recently been Assistant Director of Libraries at the University of Oklahoma, where he coordinated the work of five departments of technical services, acquisitions, cataloging, serials, automation, and book bindery.

Arthur Cary has replaced Mrs. Helen Ewing as Circulation Librarian at Montana State University, Bozeman; he has retained some of the reference duties he assumed when he joined the MSU Library staff in 1969. Marc Galbraith joined the Montana State University Library staff as a Reference Librarian on September 1, replacing Rosella Berg. Galbraith is a recent graduate of the School of Library Science, Kansas State Teachers' College.

The Helena Public Library has announced three staff appointments: Phil Pence, a native of Missouri and graduate of the School of Library Science of the University of Oklahoma, has been named Head of Adult Services. Mrs. Barbara Rudio, who received her MLS from the University of Illinois, has a part-time appointment in the Children's Department. Meredith Anderson, Cataloging-Acquisitions Librarian, is a recent graduate of Carroll College, and formerly worked at the Montana State Library.

The Missoula City-County Library of Missoula has announced the appointment of Mrs. Katherine Ledward as Acquisitions Librarian. Mrs. Ledward comes to Missoula from the Jackson County Library in Medford, Oregon; she is a graduate of the University of Oregon School of Librarianship. Missoula has also announced the resignation of Mrs. Elaine Kipp; the Kipp family is moving to Havre, where Mr. Kipp is resuming his position with the Bureau of Indian Affairs at the Rocky Boy Reservation.

Miss Edith Uthmann has been named Department Head, Technical Processing, at the Billings Public Library, succeeding Walter Siemsen.

The University of Montana Library has announced the appointment of Miss Coburn Randak as Assistant Catalog Librarian. Miss Randak is a native of Billings and a recent graduate of the University of Denver.

LIBRARY TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES Mrs. Elizabeth Love, former Children's Librarian at Great Falls Public Library, will conduct a one-day workshop in the Children's Room at the Helena Public Library on Tuesday, September 26. Subjects to be discussed will be storytelling, suggestions on books to be read to children, games and programs to involve children, flannel board techniques, and displays. The workshop is open to area librarians, teachers, volunteers, and interested parents; a morning session will begin at 10, and the afternoon session will run from 1 until 3. There is no charge.

The tenth annual clinic on library applications of data processing will be conducted by the Graduate School of Library Science, from Sunday, April 29, to Wednesday, May 2, 1973. Theme of this clinic will be "Cooperative Ventures in Library Applications of Data Processing." Further information may be obtained from Leonard E. Sigler, Division of University Extension, 116 Illini Hall, Champaign, Illinois 61820.

The Pacific Northwest Library Association will hold its 1973 annual conference in Missoula, August 28-31, 1973.

YOUNG READER'S CHOICE AWARD The Young Reader's Choice Award, made annually by the Pacific Northwest Library Association, will be made in 1972 to Encyclopedia Brown Keeps the Peace. Children in Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Alaska, and British Columbia had opportunity to participate in the selection through voting at their school and public libraries.

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Tumbleweeds and tarpaper shacks, by the Minneota Friendly Club. A history of homesteading days in Hill County, Montana. Printed by the General Publishing and Binding Company, Iowa Falls, Ia., 1971. Available from: Minneota Friendly Club, Inverness, Montana 59530. $4.50.

Sketches of Old Butte, by Jacob H. Ostberg. Reminiscences by a long-time resident. Senior Citizens' Center, Butte, Mt., 59701, 1972, $5.00.

Mike Mansfield's Montana; text adapted from a talk given at the University of Montana foundation dinner, August 24, 1967, with photographs by Michael S. Sample. Goatrock Productions, Box 279, Billings, Mt., 59103, 1972, $2.95.

On the trail with Lewis & Clark in Montana, by Harold G. Stearns. Lists campsites of Lewis and Clark in 1805 and 1806. Illustrated. Published by Times-Clarion Publishers, Harlowton, Mt., 59036. n.d., $2.00.

Twentieth-century Montana; a state of extremes, by K. Ross Toole. Characterized by the author as not a history of twentieth-century Montana but a kind of "portrait" of cyclical twentieth-century patterns in Montana. Illustrated. University of Oklahoma Press, 1972, $7.95.

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